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**Recording Apparatus and**  
**Image Pick-up Apparatus**  
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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2004-318923 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 2001-043631

3. JP 04-170765

4. JP 2004-022043

5. JP 2004-213769 - This document corresponds to WO 2004/061844.

An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

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